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1. After the occupation of the Choushan Archipelago by the Communist 21st and 22nd Armies, two divisions of the 21st Army were transferred on 17 May 1950 to the eastern sea coast to exterminate guerrilla bases in Wenling Hsien (121-21, 28-23) and Huangyen Hsien (121-15, 28-41). The remaining division of the 21st Army, together with the 22nd Army, is making a clean sweep of the guerrillas in the Cheng Szu (嵎 岬) Islands. The 23rd Army is responsible for defense works along the coasts of Chenhai (121-42, 29-58), Ningpo (121-32, 29-54), and the Chuanshan (121-56, 29-54) Peninsula.
2. The 24th Army left Kuanhaiwei (121-27, 30-12) and Yuyao Hsien (121-10, 30-02) in late May and reassembled in Hsiaooshan Hsien (120-17, 30-10). On 2 June it left Hsiaooshan by the Chekiang-Kiangsi Railway for Shangjiao Hsien (117-54, 28-26), from where it went on into Fukien Province.
3. One division of the 25th Army is stationed on Yuhuan Island (121-13, 28-09) in the Kanmen (121-16, 28-06) area. At the beginning of June, two other divisions of this army were assigned to destroy guerrilla bases in the areas of Wenchou (120-38, 28-01) and Julian Hsien (120-38, 27-49).
4. On 5 June, the 103rd Division of the 35th Army, commanded by WU Wen-pian (吳文叛), was stationed at Hangchow as a police defense force. About the same date, the 104th Division of the same army was transferred to Linhai (121-07, 28-53) to eliminate the guerrillas there and in the Huangyen Hsien area, and the 105th Division was transferred to the southern shore of Hangchowwan (120-30- ) between Hsiaooshan Hsien and Shaohsing Hsien (120-34, 30-00) to guard the area and clean up guerrillas.
5. Elements of two armies of the 19th Army Group, numbering about four hundred men with equipment, commanded by LO Kuang-wen (羅廣文), arrived in Shanghai from Szechuan in mid-May by water. They went overland to Hangchow and in early June were stationed between Hangchow and Huichou (Hsi Hsien) (118-26, 29-52) as a police force responsible for order along the highways. These troops, composed of former followers of LU Han (盧漢) from Yunnan, were expected to be reorganized as the 15th Army Group.

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6. From 4 to 11 June, the 27th Army was moving by highway from Ningpo to Huangyen; thence on to Wenling. A small part of the troops embarked on wooden vessels at Wenling and headed south; the remainder, about ten thousand men, on 12 June left by truck moving south toward Hengchen and into Fukien Province. About five thousand troops remained in Hengchen and Linhai awaiting transport; this force included Communist women government workers, who were carrying their baggage and large quantities of food, kerosene, and other supplies.
7. One division of the 21st Army, stationed at Haimen (121-25, 28-43) was in early June assembling more than a hundred sailing vessels in preparation for invasion of the Ta Ch'en (文 陳) Islands. Assistance in preparing vessels and war materials was given them by the First Regiment of the South Chekiang Garrison Brigade, an irregular local unit under CHOU H'ei-tou (周 丕 猷) stationed at Haimen.
8. The purpose of most of these troop movements and activities is to wipe out guerrilla forces in the area. The work was originally scheduled to be completed by the end of June, but the Communist units had encountered so much resistance that the Third Field Army issued orders about 15 June extending the campaign until the end of July.

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